



City Manager's Report

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Message from the City Manager

Dear Bainbridge Island Residents,

As 2015 draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a few of the accomplishments that me the most proud of our City staff this year.

- It was a great year for the City's Finance Department, not only did we take a giant step forward toward increased financial transparency by launching OpenGov via the City website, the department also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- It was a very busy year for the Planning and Community Development Department, in addition to conducting six listening sessions for the Comprehensive Plan Update, implementing the Shoreline Master Program, and developing tree and vegetation management ordinances, the department also focused on improving customer service, in part by implementing a digital online building permit submittal process for citizen convenience.
- Our Police Department under the direction of Chief Matthew Hamner continues to make great strides forward. According to the National Citizen Survey conducted this year, the community's rating of our Police Department has increased by 18% over the last three years.



- Our Public Works Department once again worked tirelessly to preserve and improve our City infrastructure. From completing our annual roads preservation program to making progress on the Sound to Olympics trail project, the men and women in Public Works work hard to make sure we have such basic necessities as safe roads and clean drinking water.

I'd also like to acknowledge the dedication of our many active citizens that took time this year

to participate in local government. Good governance demands an engaged public. I appreciate each and every one of you that took time this year to send an email, make a phone call, or attend a public meeting.

As this will be the last City Manager's Report for 2015, I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and leave you with this sentiment from Benjamin Franklin, "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man."

Happy Holidays,

Doug Schulze
City Manager, Bainbridge Island

Public Works Update

Community Conversation About Water to Continue on January 12

As part of a three part series exploring the state of our groundwater, the City invites you to attend part two of our Community Conversation about Water on Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Part two in our series will highlight the most recent work of our consultant Aspect to include an assessment of monitoring data, an evaluation and improvement of the City's groundwater model, and a summary of their first model run of our critical aquifer recharge areas. More information will be available on the [City website](#) prior to the meeting. The evening will also include a question and answer period. Questions can be submitted in advance to pcd@bainbridgewa.gov or in writing during the meeting.



Planning and Community Development Update

City Council to Discuss Scheduling Suzuki Property Community Workshop

At the January 5, 2016 City Council meeting, the Council will discuss scheduling a Community Workshop regarding the four recently submitted proposals for the Suzuki property.

To read the submitted proposals please visit the [Suzuki Property page](#) on the City website.

The agenda for the January 5, Council meeting will be posted on the [City website](#) closer to the date of the meeting.

Questions can be submitted to pcd@bainbridgewa.gov.

Upcoming Events

- City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1, for the holidays.

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